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MIXTURES CONTAINING SENSITIVE
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DRYING

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RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.116

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action, mailed May 6, 2004 in the above-identified patent application. A petition for a three-month extension of time is filed concurrently herewith under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(1), together with the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3), making the response deadline November 6, 2004. Notice of Appeal and the fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(b) are also filed concurrently with this paper. No additional fees are believed to be due; however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees required in connection with the papers filed herewith to Deposit Account No. 50-0268.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.116, please enter and consider the following amendments and remarks intended to put this application into form for allowance.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Applicant's **Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.